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From the Pastor's Pen

Summer goes by fast here in Texas and the start of the school year is just around the corner.
This year brings the start of our new **St. John Lutheran School**, too. The first day of class is August 10. Starting a school has been a step of faith for our congregation, and a good deal of work for our Council and staff. By God's blessing, everything has fallen into place and I'm very pleased with our progress. Please pray with me for a strong start to

our school and a good first year.

Sunday School starts soon after. **Rally Day** is August 13, when our Sunday School classes start up again for our children and youth. We are blessed with a strong team of volunteer teachers at St. John. Give your child's teacher thanks for his or her service, and join me in praying for a good start to our Sunday School this year.

I invite you to join me at the **Crossways Bible Study** this year, too. Last year we studied the Old Testament from Creation to the Exile. This fall, we pick up the story with the Return from Exile and the time between the end of the Old Testament and the start of the New. Have you ever wondered what happened in the 400 years between the Testaments? Would you like to learn how Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar set the stage for

Jesus Christ? Are you interested in a deep and broad study of the

Bible, its historical setting, and theological interpretation?
Then join me in Luther
Hall on Wednesday nights,
6:30pm-7:30pm, beginning
August 16. Come early and enjoy dinner, too. Sign up by
Connect Card.

year for our congregation. August could bring new starts for our denomination, too. The North American Lutheran **Church** meets August 8-11 for its biennial Convocation. The big item on the agenda is the election of a Bishop. St. John is sending 4 lay delegates and both pastors. Please join us in praying that God will lead the Convocation to elect the right person for the job. While I'm there, I'll keep my eyes and ears open for people who might make a good colleague here at St. John. The Call Committee continues to receive and review resumes and interview potential candidates. Please join us in praying that God will

August brings the start of a new program

Good things are happening at St. John. Give thanks, and pray!

Associate Pastor.

call the right person to serve as our next

- Pastor Eric Waters

A NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

	INCOME COMPARISON												
Monthly Operating Income	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average Thru Month
2023	\$152,340	\$106,982	\$105,872	\$121,481	\$96,133	\$117,134							\$116,657
2022	\$134,590	\$124,203	\$141,734	\$115,347	\$104,550	\$106,229	\$114,850	\$122,472	\$96,083	\$116,396	\$123,143	\$311,256	\$121,109
2021	\$149,464	\$92,893	\$119,933	\$110,256	\$120,505	\$92,056	\$89,873	\$123,896	\$86,919	\$118,393	\$104,987	\$213,041	\$114,185

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON													
Avg Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average for Month YTD
2023 ONLINE 2023 IN-PERSON 2023 TOTAL	101 464 565	79 562 641	77 519 596	90 606 696	93 413 506	95 417 512							86 467 553
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2022 TOTAL	481	530	563	716	431	444	418	463	425	442	441	648	
2021 TOTAL	410	471	522	488	415	420	370	471	459	451	428	676	442

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL







At St. John Lutheran School our mission is to Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known through Academic Excellence and Christian Character.

We value the education of every child that walks through our doors. Our faith-based abeka® curriculum will help your child to grow intellectually, morally, and spiritually. If you are looking for a solid Christian education, small classroom sizes, one-on-one attention, close-knit 'community', and excellent teachers, St. John Lutheran School is the place for you!

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Pre-K through 5th Grade Enrollment is available now.

- · Our School day is 8:30am-3:00pm.
- K3 and K4 students have the option of 3 days/week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) or 5 days/week.
- Kindergarten 5th grade meets 5 days/ week.
- St. John Lutheran School follows the same school schedule as Boerne Independent School District (BISD).
- The first day of school for 2023 is Thursday, August 10.

THE CURRICULUM

The abeka® curriculum offers many benefits:

- It's **structured** on a Christian foundation and offers daily Bible instruction.
- It's broad and will help your child build skills in a variety of subjects, from art to engineering.
- It's exciting and keeps children engaged and entertained using a variety of activities including coloring, singing, poetry, puppetry, and more!
- It's proven through research to be effective for children with all different learning styles and abilities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ribbon Cutting: August 8, 1:30pm

Meet The Teacher: August 9, 12pm-3pm

First Day Of School: August 10

A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Thank you St. John for taking this leap of faith and for trusting me to lead St. John Lutheran School! Thank you for your donations and generosity! We are already off to a great start and I can't wait to send you updates and share information with you about YOUR school. -Tiffany



FAMILY³ MINISTRIES Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known

Together, in our Home, Church and World **Families**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Studies

PRECEPT

Thursdays 9:15am-11am, Room 118

Precept class is on summer break and will resume in September with the study of the prophet Jeremiah.

Ouestions? Contact Pastor Mariola: pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com

Women of the Word (W.O.W.)

Wednesdays 9am-10am

Women of the Word will be studying the book of Ruth this Fall. We'll look at how things fall apart when a society isn't governed well and how we can choose to live a godly life in the midst of an ungodly culture. Join us on Wednesday mornings at 9am beginning September 6. Cost: \$5 materials fee. Contact Michelle Waters for more information at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com.

Mens' Bible Studies

Mens' Breakfast

Every other Tuesday 6:30am

"Master Builders Bible For Men" is the foundation for discussion topics. This group meets in Luther Hall. Upcoming dates:

Tuesdays, August 8 and August 22.



Young Men, Middle Aged Men, Old Men, Dad's and Grandpas, be a part of a life giving and encouraging Bible Study

to be all that God called you to be!

Find out about these opportunities on Tuesday, August 15, 7pm:

- Every Man A Warrior
- The Truth Project
- The Engagement Project
- The Chosen Bible Study
- (BSF) Bible Study Fellowship
- Men's Retreat Team

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30am "God Talk"

Please join us for our continuing study of Paul as we turn our focus to his letter to the Romans beginning September 10. We will be using the book "Be Right: How to be Right With God, Yourself, and Others" by Warren Wiersbe. Books will be available in mid-August. Meet in Room 128. Led by Peggy Hoppes.

9:30am "Seekers"

Seekers is studying a book written by Paul H Wright, PH.D. It is a compilation of different characters in the Bible and covers biblical backgrounds and cultures. Meet in Room 216. Led by Carol Postert.

9:30am "Logos"

This class is studying the book of Romans. Meet in Room 118. Led by Richard Wagner.



SUNDAYS, 9:30am

SPECIAL Open House (Open Cave) August 13 • 9:30am-11:30am

As students get to know their teachers, parents are invited to come and get to know one another!

Meet us in the **Shepherd's Cave, Room 117** at 9:30am on August 13. Bring a picture of yourself and your family to be a part of our Shepherd's Cave "Family Fence" display.

Information will be shared about our Adult Bible Study opportunities, as well as family activities and service opportunities that are available and upcoming.

Starting September 10, a 12 session DVD series and discussion class will begin. This series is called "The Family Project", Recover. Renew. Reclaim. Join us!

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm

Holding Your Family Together: 5 Simple Steps to Help Bring Your Family Closer to God and Each Other

Meet in the Shepherd's Cave, Room 117

August 23: Introduction

August 31: Step 1 - Share



Young Adults Gatherings (18-20 somethings)

August 6

Come receive an 'Off to College Blessing'. This will be part of all three worship services on Sunday, August 6.

August 27, 8pm

Join us for a ZOOM call at 8pm Central Time (contact Matt for Zoom link)



August 13, 6pm

Watch for more details to come.



Happy Hearts

"Happy Hearts" will NOT meet in August. Meet-

ings will resume in September.

Questions? Contact Pastor Mariola: pastormariola@stjohlutheran.com

Men's Basketball

The gym opens from 6:30-8:30pm MOST Monday Nights. For more info. talk to Mark or Matt. August schedule is Monday, August 7, 14, 21, and 28.





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Our Family³ Ministries Team:



Matt Olson, Director of Family³ Ministries, Email: matt@stjohnlutheran.com, Cell: 830-388-1550 Mark Lynn, Director of Youth Ministries, Email: mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com. Cell: 630-596-7312 Tiffany Jurezcki, Nursery and Children's Ministry Coordinator. Email: tiffany@stjohnlutheran.com, Cell: 830-328-3744 Amy Townsend, Hospitality Coordinator, Email: amy@stjohnlutheran.com, Cell: 713-480-8113



SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School resumes on "RALLY Day" August 13, 9:30am

All ages are welcome in the Family Life Center for **Sunday School Kick-Off**!

Sunday Activities

8:30-11am 9:30-10:30am Breakfast in the Family Life Center

Preschool - FLC

Kindergarten - Room #215 1st Grade - Room #214 2nd Grade - Room #217 3rd Grade - Room #211 4th Grade - Room TBD

5th Grade - Room #119 **Middle School** - Room #212 **High School** - Room #213

Youth Mission Trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma

The youth traveled to Tulsa, OK to serve Metropolitan Baptist, a predominantly african-american church. They experienced a lively worship service, enjoyed fellowship with their congregation, learned about a new culture, and served their church by cleaning and organizing their property. Through this service, their church is better able to serve their community.











WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

f3 Fellowship Returns August 16

This includes First Communion, Confirmation, and High School Gatherings.

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Wednesdays Activities

4pm 1st-5th - Special Events (see below)

6th-12th - Open Gym

5:30pm Meal for all ages in Luther Hall **6:15pm** Study and Fellowship Activities

PreK-4th - Daycare/Play in Nursery and Gym
5th - Sacraments/Communion in Rm. 119
6th-8th - Confirmation in Rm. 212
9th-12th - Bible Study in Rm. 213

Adults - Gather in Rm. #117

7:30pm Classes and activities conclude

Wednesdays Topics

August 2: No Activities

August 9: Leadership Training, No Youth Activities

August 16: 5th - Introduction to Sacraments

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6th-8th - Introduction to Lord's Prayer **9th-12th** - Introduction to the year ahead

Adults - Introduction to Faith Five Service Night: Hurricane Buckets

August 30: Studies begun on August 16 (above) continue

NEW!

August 23:

Special Events for Elementary Students (through 5th grade)

Wednesdays at 4pm

ALL **elementary students** are encouraged to come to StJLC on **Wednesdays after school from 4pm-5:30pm** (and then stay for dinner) as we explore God in everyday fun! (snack will be provided)

August 16, 4pm: FOAM PARTY (bring your swimsuit and towel)

August 23, 4pm: Art lesson

August 30, 4pm: Knife Safety and Knot Tying

September 6, 4pm: Walking field trip to Jefferson Bank

Parents' Night Out

Friday, August 18 • 6pm-10pm

\$15/child \$45 max/family * Dinner included! Nursery-Age 10 CONTACT: tiffany@stjohnlutheran.com

Sign up online: www.stjohnlutheran.com

NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

We will have a nursery care provider present during Sunday morning worship and Wednesday Bible Study times for children ages 3 and under.



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FAITHMILE MARKERS

Kindergarteners: Start of School

Sunday, August 6

Kindergartners and Parents be blessed as you start this new life adventure! Bring your school backpack and receive a gift from your St. John family that can be attached to it. (This will happen at all three services as a part of our Children's Sermon time.)

6th Graders: Confirmation begins Sunday, August 13

6th graders, receive two special gifts (at the 11am service) from your church family and receive a blessing as you start your confirmation journey.

1st Graders: Special Class

Sunday, August 20

1st graders, bring your parents for a special Sunday School class in the Family Life Center at 9:30am.
Loving God leads us to love ourselves and others. On this day you will celebrate who God made you to be so that you can make a difference in His world.

2nd Graders: Special Class

Sunday, August 27

2nd graders, bring your parents for a special Sunday School class that will focus on the importance of loving others. Meet in your regular Sunday School classroom but be ready for going on a community hike as God calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.



F3 FELLOWSHIP

Fall Kick-Off

August 16

5:30pm: Meal in Luther Hall

6:30pm: Mixers and Information in the FLC

All youth and parents are invited to join us to learn about the fall programming for the new school year.

HURRICANE BUCKETS Service Project **PLUS**

August 23 • 6:30pm

Join us in Luther Hall to enjoy dinner then meet in the Historic Chapel for orientation on filling **Hurricane Buckets** for the NALC **Disaster Response Team**. This is a fun night every year and a great way to help those in need.



Connection Group: Dinner and Concert



August 26, 5pm

Join the Connections group for dinner at 5pm at Inferno's in Boerne (1540 River Rd.). After dinner, those who purchased tickets for the concert will head to the AT&T Center. **All are welcome to join us for dinner**, even if you won't be going to the concert. No RSVP is needed for dinner, just show up! Purchase tickets for the concert on our website under 'Events'.

Labor Day Parade

September 2, 9:15am

All church and school families are invited to ride on the big truck with us in the **Kendall County Fair Parade on Saturday, September 2**. Please find us on the north end of Main Street by 9:15am. Text Tiffany at 830-328-3744 with questions.

SAVE THE DATE

Confirmation Retreat

at Camp Chrysalis

September 22-24

Middle-Schoolers: You won't want to miss this!

Family Camping Retreat

in Kerrville

October 13-15

Let's experience the partial eclipse together! Registration will open in September.



Sunday School Teachers and Wednesday Night Activity Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for adult volunteers to teach our Youth Sunday School on **Sunday** and **Wednesday Night** volunteers to help with the activities and events. If you are willing to help, talk with Matt, Mark or Tiffany.

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Your Call Committee is actively seeking and interviewing potential candidates for our new Associate Pastor. If you know of any pastors who you consider to be a good fit for us, please ask them if they might be interested, or give their contact information to Pastor Kurt Wandry, Call Committee Chairman, and he will contact them.

Please continue to pray that our good and gracious God will send us the pastor He wants to serve at St. John Lutheran. Thank You!



Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.



August 6, 2pm

The death of a spouse changes your life forever. Daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Find help at the "Loss of a Spouse" seminar on **August 6 at 2pm at St. John Lutheran Church**. All are invited to attend. St. John membership is not required.

Learn more and register to attend at www.griefshare.org.



Ribbon Cutting August 8, 1:30pm

Meet The Teacher August 9, 12pm-3pm

First Day Of School August 10

Kendall County Women's Shelter

Charity Clay Shoot August 11

at Joshua Creek Ranch



Kendall County Women's Shelter will host a Clay Shooting tournament on Friday, August 11 at the beautiful Joshua Creek Ranch. It will be a day of skills challenges, shooting contests and lots of fun prizes! . All proceeds benefit the Kendall County Women's Shelter and its continuous efforts to create A Safe Place for families who are immediately fleeing domestic violence.

For more info or to register for the shoot visit:

www.kcwstexas.org/clay-shoot



The physical, emotional, and spiritual effects following the loss of a loved one can be devastating. The good news, is that grieving folks who find a support group often discover that the process from mourning to joy is possible.

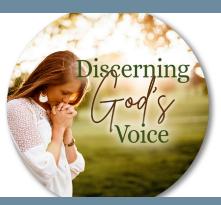
GriefShare is a 14-week program where participants will find support and advice. Each of the 14 sessions stands alone, and it is not necessary to begin with the very first one. A participant can start at any point during the cycle.

A new StJLC GriefShare cycle, under the guidance of Pastor Mariola Bergquist, is scheduled to begin in August.
Registration at www.griefshare.org is highly recommended but not required.

The Tuesday morning cycle will begin August 15, 10am to noon. The Wednesday evening cycle will begin August 16, 6pm-8pm. Call the church office at 830-249-3651, Connie Harbers at 512-779-5508, or Barbara Rogers at 210-373-9070 for more information. More CriefShare information is available at www.griefshare.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Retreat Fall 2023



October 20-22 at Camp Chrysalis

Join us for a weekend of learning and fellowship, fun, and worship at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville.

This year's theme is John 10:27 NIV "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

REGISTRATION OPENS
SEPTEMBER 15

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Birthday!

Honoring our Senior Members (80+) With Birthdays In August

> Mary Chapman (08/20) Roger Hemminghaus (08/27) Lillian McConnell (08/07) Lula Bell Rittimann (08/18)

If you are turning 80 or are already 80+ and not listed, contact the church office.

Happy 101st
Birthday to
Lillian McConnell
on August 7!



The Congregational Care Committee will be sending College Care packets

It's that exciting time of year again - when students are headed off to college! St. John wants our students to know that we are thinking of them while they are away. The College Care Committee will send care packages to students during the 2023-2024 school year. These packets include scripture, encouraging words, snacks, and art from the children.

If you have a college student or know someone who would like to receive a packet, please email Lisa Lee at II-lisalee@att.net or text 210-912-7915.

We need the student's name and address. Please also include if your student has any food allergies or a special diet.

Worldwide Ministry Seeking Local Volunteers

Do you want to be a bigger part of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to millions of children and advance the Gospel around the world?



If so, prayerfully consider becoming a year-round volunteer with the Texas Hill Country Operation Christmas Child team (a mission of Samaritan's Purse).

Our Area Team has a variety of areas of responsibility to include Church Relations, Prayer, Community Relations, Student Relations, Logistics, and Media Support. Online training is provided and you will always have team members to help you along. Time commitment is small but with big impact!

For more information, please contact any of the following individuals:

Crysta Dunda, TX/LA Regional Coordinator, at 830-423-4320 or crdunda@yahoo.com

Lorraine Zensen, Church Relations Coordinator, at 830-456-4249 or vonzensenburg@gmailcom

Gloria Baker, Central Drop-Off Leader, at 830-431-0522 or dgbaker@gvtc.com

REMINDER

August Usher Schedule:

8 am services: 9:30am services: 11am services: Randy Evans Team The Bearden Team The Moldenhauer Team

September Usher Schedule:

8 am services: 9:30am services:

Scott Kramer Team The Sheffy and Hanes Teams, 5th Grade Sunday School

11am services:

The Schneid Team

October Usher Schedule:

8 am services: 9:30am services: Scott Kramer Team The Putnam and Fox Teams, 4th Grade Sunday School The Pearson Team

11am services:

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Please remember to arrive early for your scheduled service!

Would you like to be an Usher? We need your help!

To volunteer, please contact the church office at 830-249-3651 or see Johnny Moldenhauer.

Thank you! Youth Mission Trip

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the youth mission trip to Tulsa with finances and prayers!
Through this trip the students became more reliant on God through prayer and more faithful in their service to Him.

NALC Continental Youth Gathering

HOST HOMES NEEDED June 30-July 5, 2024

On July 1-4, 2024 St. John will be hosting the FIRST ever NALC Youth Gathering. We are expecting 500 students and adult leaders from all over the USA and Canada to come worship, learn and serve right here in our house and community. Please let us know if you will serve by opening your home for this first ever NALC Youth Gathering!

Sign up on our website under 'SERVE/SIGN UP TO SERVE'









the MESSENGER Newsletter

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			AUGUST			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		6:30pm Worship Committee 1 8pm Summer Day Trip: Bat Cave	2	9:30am Music Together® 3 with Wendy Valentic 7pm Al-Anon	4	8:30am 5 Via De Cristo
Back to School Blessing for 6 Kindergartners, College Students 8am Traditional Service 9:30am Adult Classes 9:30am Praise Service 12pm F3 Ministry Celebration 2pm Loss of a Spouse Seminar 11am Traditional Service 5pm Dominoes, Canasta, Potluck	9am St. John Quilters 7 6pm EMAW 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon	6:30am Men's Breakfast 8 1:30pm School Ribbon Cutting 6:30pm Congregational Life	12pm StJLC School Meet 9 the Teacher 3pm Growing Hope Distribution 6pm F3 Adult Volunteer Meeting	StJLC School and BISD 10 First Day of School 9:30am Music Together® with Wendy Valentic 7pm Al-Anon	KCWS Clay Shoot 11	12
Rally Sunday-Sunday School 13 Resumes 8am Traditional Service 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 12pm F3 Committee Meeting 6pm Theology on Tap	9am St. John Quilters 14 6pm EMAW 6pm School Board Meeting 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon	10am GriefShare 15 11:30am Men's Lunch at Mamacita's 6:30pm Council Meeting 7pm Intro to Men's Bible Studies	4pm Open Gym and Children's Activities 5:30pm F3 Fellowship and Activities 6pm GriefShare 6:30pm Crossways	9:30am Music Together® 17 with Wendy Valentic 11:30am Quilting Around The Bend 5:30pm Friends of Faith Dinner Club 7pm Al-Anon	6pm Parents' Night Out 18	19
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